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NORTON TO CONVENE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY MEETING

(DENVER) – Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton will chair a quarterly meeting of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, December 3 – 4, at the Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building in Denver. The Commission's four standing committees on Budget/Personnel, Education, Public Relations/Outreach and Reinterment will meet on Wednesday, December 3, before the full Commission convenes the following day.

The Commission meeting agenda will include an update from the Reinterment Committee on proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session, and a Southern Ute Air Quality update. Commission members from the Ute Tribes and from state agencies will also provide comments on progress with tribal development, economic development and on general issues concerning Native Americans in Colorado.

There are eleven members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, including the Lieutenant Governor, the executive directors of the state departments of Human Services, Public Health and Environment, Natural Resources and Local Affairs; two official representatives each from the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes and two at-large members who were selected by the commission. Other state agencies serve as ex-officio members to provide advice and guidelines on the agencies' federal or state obligations affecting American Indians.

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In 1976, the Colorado General Assembly created, within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. It was designed to be the official liaison between the two Ute Tribes and the State of Colorado. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with the two Ute Indian Tribes in Colorado and the offreservation American Indian people who live in Colorado

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